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# **Communications Liaison Operator**

Requisition Number: 3946

Pay Rate: PGR06

**Description:** 

#### **Basic Function**

This position is responsible for the daily operations associated with the METRO Police department's dispatch section which is a 24/7 operation with various work shifts. Responsible for responding to calls for emergency and non-emergency assistance in dispatching law enforcement. Transmits and received coded and conventional messages, differentiates between routine, priority/non-priority and emergency messages and initiates or follows through as required. Performs duties in a safe, efficient manner and in compliance with all applicable rules and safety procedures.

## **Responsibilities and Specific Duties**

- Communication liaison for METRO Police Department's dispatch section.
- Maintains communication between METRO Police Department, bus transportation, rail operations, transit authority, as well as public and other related law enforcement agencies.
- Operates through the assistance of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, multi-telephone line system, Regional Information Management System (RIMS)

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Houston Police Department's computer system and Harris County's wireless data terminal system.

- Dispatch Police Officers to transit and non-transit related calls to responders as required by call type.
- Disseminates significant event alert notifications.
- Verifies outstanding warrants through the TCIC/NCIC system, teletype and telephone.
- Responsible for documenting and updating information on Police call for service slips, and as required, review officers' radio transmissions with the playback program.
- Provides excellent customer service to METRO internal and external customers.
- Promotes safety awareness and follows safety procedures to reduce or eliminate accidents.
- Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

### **Education Requirement**

High school or GED required. Additional related college courses desired.

#### Years & Experience Required

Minimum three (3) years of dispatch experience in a fast pace, high volume telephone or customer service environment. Emergency services dispatch experience preferred.

## Knowledge & Skills Required

Must obtain Texas Commission of Law Enforcement (TCOLE) licensure by completing Police Basic Telecommunications Course (#1013) and successfully complete a TCOLE/TXDPS "TCIC/NCIC Full Access User" course within one (1) year of hire date. Accurate typing skills 30-35 wpm is required. Other requirements include: The ability to develop and maintain cooperative and professional relationships with fellow employees; ability to use logic and reasoning to in approach to problems; ability to use judgment and decision-making skills to evaluate situations, establish priorities, and resolve matters; ability to think quickly; ability actively listen and communicate effectively through clear speech and hearing; ability to follow instructions; ability to write clearly and spell correctly; ability to establish priorities and pass on information as needed and the ability to multi-task with various computer applications and communications systems. Must pass pre-employment requirements.

#### Additional Information

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